

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended): An analyte sampling element comprising:
a first region capable of quantitatively collecting and temporarily retaining an analyte;
and
a magnetic second region, adjacent and connected to the first region, ~~on which a dynamic effect is acted on~~ wherein a dynamic effect acts on the second region from outside of the second region to move said first region, and wherein said dynamic effect is caused by a change in a magnetic field.

2 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first region retains said analyte by capillarity.

3 (Canceled)

4 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first region releases said analyte in response to the movement of said second region.

5 (Previously Presented): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 1, further retaining a reagent a1 for reacting with a substance contained in said analyte, a reagent b1 for destroying a cell contained in said analyte, or both a1 and b1.

6 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 5, wherein said reagent a1 is an enzyme, an antigen, an antibody, a receptor or nucleic acid.

7 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 5, wherein said substance is protein, a hormone, an antibody, an enzyme, an antigen or nucleic acid.

8 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 5, wherein said reagent b1 is inorganic salt or a surfactant.

9 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 5, wherein said cell is an erythrocyte, a leukocyte or a platelet.

10 (Original): The analyte sampling element in accordance with claim 5, wherein a component released from said cell destroyed by said reagent b1 is protein, glycosylated protein, phosphorylated protein, a hormone, lipid, an antibody, an enzyme, an antigen, a receptor, an inhibitor, DNA or RNA.

11 (Withdrawn): An analyte treatment device comprising:
an analyte sampling element comprising a first region capable of quantitatively collecting and temporarily retaining an analyte and a second region on which a dynamic effect is acted from the outside to move said first region;
a reaction cell into which said sampling element is introduced;
a means for exerting the dynamic effect on said sampling element in said reaction cell;
and
an optical measurement system for measuring a reaction in said reaction cell.

12 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said means for exerting the dynamic effect is a magnetic field changing device which exerts the dynamic effect on said sampling element by magnetic force.

13 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment device in accordance with claim 11, wherein said optical measurement system is a light scattering spectrophotometer, a fluorospectrophotometer, an absorption spectrophotometer or an emission spectrophotometer.

14 (Withdrawn): An analyte treatment method comprising the steps of:

(a) quantitatively collecting and retaining an analyte in an analyte sampling element comprising a first region capable of quantitatively collecting and temporarily retaining the analyte and a second region on which a dynamic effect is acted from the outside to move said first region;

(b) introducing said sampling element retaining said analyte into a reaction system;

(c) moving said sampling element by the dynamic effect acted on from the outside of said reaction system to release said analyte from said sampling element and mixing said analyte in said reaction system by stirring.

15 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 14, wherein prior to the step (a), a reagent a1 for reacting with a substance contained in said analyte and/or a reagent b1 for destroying a cell contained in said analyte are retained in said sampling element.

16 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 15, wherein said reagent a1 is an enzyme, an antigen, an antibody, a receptor or nucleic acid.

17 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 15, wherein said substance is protein, a hormone, an antibody, an enzyme, an antigen or nucleic acid.

18 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 15, wherein said reagent b1 is inorganic salt or a surfactant.

19 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 15, wherein said cell is an erythrocyte, a leukocyte or a platelet.

20 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 15, wherein a component released from said cell destroyed by said reagent b1 is protein, glycosylated protein, phosphorylated protein, a hormone, lipid, an antibody, an enzyme, an antigen, a receptor, an inhibitor, DNA or RNA.

21 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 14, wherein said reaction system is a buffer, a solution containing a reagent a2 for reacting with a substance contained in said analyte or a solution containing a reagent b2 for destroying a cell contained in said analyte.

22 (Withdrawn): The analyte treatment method in accordance with claim 14, wherein in the step (c), said analyte is mixed in said reaction system by stirring, and at the same time, said reagent a2 reacts with a substance contained in said analyte and/or said reagent b2 destroys a cell contained in said analyte.